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Dear Sir, I hope this reaches you
in the best of health & spirits, My name is
MR. JEROME MORRIS # 528491, H.V. 7A-31-B,
S.E.C.C. 300 East Pedro Simmons Dr.,
Charleston Mo., 63834. And the outrageous
phone ~~and~~ prices are very bad Missouri
even went with the highest bidder in 2012.
see PLN article... In 2006 State Representative
Mr. Minda Coleman ^(D. Mo.) questioned certain companies
about the high rates they had, she vigorously
fought for prisoners rights in this regard,

So I'm responding to your previous
ad in the prison Legal News = 2012
article,

Very respectfully submitted,
Law Clerk here &
(Heik) J. Indris Bey!

Please & godwill always!

Julius Genashoski
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Robert DeShields CW5906
P.O. Box 945
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November 20, 2012

Dear Mr. Genashoski,

I am writing to inform you of the current phones rates and restrictive services SCI-Forest has pretty much compelled me, my loved ones and a great deal of the general population confined too. Prior to this facility switching over to Global Tel Link my fiancée was under a service which only charged her less than \$2.00 for me to call collect within the same (814) zip code. Now that this new service is in I feel we are being extorted for our money. Case in point is that when my loved ones put \$25.00 on the account they will not allow you to access another phone call if the funds is below \$15.00 dollars. Officials at this facility is turning a blind ear to this matter and there's no recourse within the the grievance.

How is it that in some cities & and states local collect calls are under \$2.00 and less? Right now it cost us \$2.00 for the call to be excepted and .20" each additional minute and the phone time is for 15 minutes.

Hopefully you and the Office Of Consumer Protection can be of some assistance in having these phone prices lowered for in same state call and same zip code areas.

I thank you for your attention & time and anticipate your earliest reply.

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November 16, 2012

This is a Public Comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket# 96-128)

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

The telephone is the only way a lot of us can hear our loved ones voices, and the prices for a phone call in the Pennsylvania DOC are outrageous to say the least! My family lives in New York State, and for me to call a land-line it costs almost \$12.00 for a 15 minute call. Even a call to a local area code (Marienville, PA) is \$3.35 for a 15 minute call. If that isn't price gouging I don't know what is. The DOC tells us it is important to maintain contact with family for positive reinforcement, so we will have a solid network of family and friends upon release, yet they continue to oppress us with these ridiculously high rates so they get a higher kickback from the service provider, in Pennsylvania it is Global Tel-Link.

Not all of us are blessed with financial support from home, and must survive on our jobs for state pay. At the top pay rate here in Pennsylvania it is \$.42 an hour, and with the maximum days worked amounts to about \$56.00. In true DOC style (in my opinion DOC stands for Dept. of Collections) they will take 10, 20, or even 30% of our pay for "fines & costs", which for some does not even leave them enough to buy hygiene products, let alone afford a phone call to stay in touch with a wife, children, or other family. I was transferred to Michigan DOC (due to prison overcrowding) in 2010, and could call home in New York State for \$1.80 for a 15 minute call through Sprint, which is proof positive there are affordable solutions out there, while still providing the security prisons require. Please help us stop the oppression of the Pennsylvania phone system. Thank You for your time and assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: Challan A. Galleher

Authorized Representative for

CHALLAN A. GALLEHER

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Chairman Genachowski:

I'm writing in response to your fight to lower the high cost of phone calls from prisoners.

I'm incarcerated at SCI-Greene, Greene County, Pennsylvania. For me to call home (in-state) is \$5.41 through a pre-paid calling card sold in the prison commissary and \$6.00 to call collect (both 15 minute calls). This is simply too much money for most of my family, my support network, to afford. I have very limited contact with my family due to the excessive cost of these phone calls.

Recently, Pennsylvania transferred more than 1,000 inmates to Michigan due to overcrowding. Phone calls from MI to PA were only \$1.80 for the same 15 minute call. these are the same phone calls I try to make from Pennsylvania but can't afford, but in Michigan they were 70% cheaper. I don't understand how rates from MI to PA are 30% of the cost we pay in PA for in-state calls.

There are too many people that I can't call because they can't afford the cost. These are the same family members and friends whose support I need to have a successful reentry into society upon my release, but I'm losing my relationships with them due to the lack of interaction and contact.

I hope something can be done because it seems like all the phone company (GTL) and Department of Corrections do is take advantage of our situation.

Sincerely,



Bryant Hudgins, EL 7079
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I am a prisoner housed at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas, Pennsylvania. The phone system that is currently in place is a great hardship for my family and I. Recently the PA DOC changed telephone service providers, and the new provider does not allow our families to accept collect phone calls from state prison. Our families are being instructed to open accounts and place funds into the account prior to accepting any collect calls. The DOC and their "new telephone service provider" are literally holding our families' hostage.

As an employed prisoner here at SCI Dallas I make .19 cents an hour, hardly enough to purchase the basic necessities of life, surely not enough to purchase phone time through commissary services. Many inmates are not employed due to a lack of jobs imagine their situation. Family communication and support are very important parts of the rehabilitation process, which the DOC have confirmed, yet the DOC continues to uproot and destroy families by their zest for financial gain.

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

The current prison telephone market is definitely a predatory industry. My family and I use a phone service that is controlled by V-connect. I am currently incarcerated in Utah State Prison, Draper, where V-connect is the only available choice for phone service. The company charges around seven dollars each time money is added onto the phone account. A 30 minute call costs around five dollars, while just two hours south of Draper, in Beaver county jail, the same company charges five dollars for a 15 minute call. I make approximately six calls a week. With these unreasonable phone rates it gets really expensive to stay in touch with loved ones. There were times when there was no money on my phone account, do to financial reasons, so I didn't care about losing phone privileges which led me to some negative incidents. I feel a large part of society does not understand how lack of communication with loved ones, do in part to these ridiculous phone rates, can cause one to re-offend. In prison days are filled with the seemingly impossible struggle to hold onto some semblance of a life forfeit and when it slips from our grasp as all things eventually do, we find ourselves with nothing to lose. It's with this loss of good, of communication with loved ones that leads to the lack of fear. With the lack of fear comes the birth of hate, the very root of recidivism. It's a harsh reality of a life that is placed upon hundreds of thousands of prisoners and our families, for crimes yes but do we deserve this kind of punishment?

- Milan C.

Craig Hare
#JJ-2006

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I have been incarcerated for 23 years in the Pennsylvania Dept. of Corrections + I'm serving a life sentence.

Over the years the PA DOC has kept making a fortune off of the prices of our phone calls to family + friends. The costs per call are outrageous. A fifteen minute call to our families within PA are between five + six dollars each. A large portion of these costs are kicked back to the PA DOC. They continue to capitalize on our families by switching to companies around the country that offer more return for the PA DOC.

Many family members + friends of prisoners have lower income + pay higher prices for everything pertaining to loved ones in prison.

My family has paid thousands of dollars over the years just to be able to talk with me on the telephone. I try to keep calls to a minimum to help alleviate the costs but even a few calls a month are far too expensive.

Pennsylvania is lining their pockets off of our misery. There is a huge need of help from you in order to stop the PADOC from continuing

to over charge us for these calls. Nothing can be accomplished from within these places without outside help.

Anything you can do to help us in any way will truly be appreciated. There is no reason for people to pay the prices for phone calls that we are subjected to. We make .19-42¢ per hour + for the majority of us, we are on the bottom end of the pay scale.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Sincerely,
Kevin Crawford

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Dear, Chairman Julius Genachowski,

Sir, I'm Jabar Rasheed # GU 8114, an inmate of the D. O. C. in Pa. at S. C. I. Dallas. My letter is an imploring endeavor at having my voice heard and some fruition concerning the abatement of the astronomical rates of prison calls. The inmates here have been told a time or two that the phone system would be changed and lowered — instead the contrary ensued and the cost increased a bit.

Sir, there's no doubt that I've committed a crime and I now serve out my sentence for doing so — but in how many ways should I be punished — not to mention my family! The prison system in general has become one enormous monopoly more than ever. For the last ten to fifteen years inmates now have to pay for medical care, we're now fed less while the commissary prices increase yearly, visits are a difficulty with the price of gas ~~and~~ and the distance. We at least need some reprieve with this phone system.

Sir, I have eight children in five different households — my parents, who are separated, aging, and suffering from individual illnesses whom all need to hear from me often. But due to the inflated rates of the phone calls — calling them often is something I'm unable to do. This is tearing my relationships up with the people I love most. Please assist ???

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in regards, about our high cost of
Phone calls here in Pennsylvania
State Correctional Institutions in
our state. SIR we're paying \$5.15
for a 15 min' Phone call, and that's
if one is 'fortunate' to 'afford' a
Pre-paid Phone card which inclu-
es state taxes... and also SIR our
collect calls are \$6.20 for 15 min.
and for out of state calls, it doubles
yes, SIR; our phone system has
been a hard and is a heavy-heavy
burden, not only for me; but very
much for my family and
friends. Chairman Genachowski,
from the "Sweet Grace of God", I have
a 97 yr old grandmother! 'wow!' She is
Amazing, SIR... and with my
Prison Pay being .23¢ an hour for
six hrs. a day; I barely can hear
her sweet voice (call her) once a
month.

SIR as greatly expected, I am
by the high cost of phone calls
I'd do anything to help find a
solution. SIR 2010, I was one of
shipped to Michigan, and I

was able, through the fight of
KALAMAZOO CURE Michigan, yes they
say it was very hard... (it) took
them 9 yrs of kicking & scratchin
But 'yes' they succeeded, because
we were charged .12¢ a minute
for 15 minutes a call, which
totals to \$1.80. They "Kalamazoo
Cure"... insured me that with
'a lot of HELP' (it) can be done.
They also informed to; to have
(you) going with Pennsylvania
'Cure' to contact them 'Kalamazoo
Cure' to talk about the strategy
they took for family to stay
in contact... yes' one of the top
of Rehabilitation.

SIR' Chairman Gemachawski,
Very much 'Thankyou' for your
ear and time... and Hopefully
you'll 'consider' in HELPing in
our Rehabilitation, given this
matter).

Please' if there is anything' you
will like me to do, keep you
assist us... Please let me know.
Hopefully, I look forward to
hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,
MR Tim Butler - Bi 2782
1100 Pike Str.
Huntingdon' Penna 16654-1112